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Snow show

Elk Point Trail Riders Snowmobile Club attracted over 40 vintage sleds from as far away as Red Deer and St. Walburg to their annual show, shine and trail ride on Saturday, with warm weather ideal for both spectators and riders to get out and enjoy the event. Check out the winners on Page 3.

Town adds to pot for centre kitchen

By VICKI BROOKER

Review Staff

Elk Point town council stirred \$25,000 of their Municipal Sustainability Initiative funding into the pot for the Arts and Leisure Centre kitchen project on Monday night, and also agreed to co-sign the Regional Allied Arts Society's lease-to-own agreement with Amalgamated Food Equipment. Amalgamated will supply and install the equipment required for caterers to provide efficient hot food service at the centre, an amenity very much needed for the many events booked at the site in coming months.

Bait ban

Economic development coordinator Bob Bezpalko brought forward concerns expressed in a communication from jet boat tour operator Shane Hansen that there is to be a bait ban in effect for sturgeon angling in the North Saskatchewan River. Hansen feels this will be detrimental to tourist traffic in the area, and has asked municipalities and individuals to lobby against the ban.

Council agreed to support Hansen's bid to have the ban overturned.

ATV guide

The draft of a "Common Message for ATV Safety - A Guide for Injury Prevention Stakeholders" prepared by the Alberta All Terrain Vehicle Working Group in 2009 was distributed to Mayor Tung and council at a recent meeting, and after individually perusing the document, council agreed Monday night to approve it in principle. Town manager Myron Goyan noted that if the contents were published in a soft-cover booklet, it could be carried aboard ATVs to remind users of the safety rules they should follow.

Gas tax

Council approved signing the federal gas tax refund agreement, which will give the town \$84,264 annually until the agreement runs out in 2014. The program, which provided the same amount in 2009, is based on population and was recently extended to cover another five-year period.

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NLLS lobbies Storseth for computers, postage

By VICKI BROOKER

Review Staff

Northern Lights Library System director Mircea Panciuk and assistant Brigitte Sakaluk were front and centre when Westlock - St. Paul Member of Parliament Brian Storseth hosted a town hall meeting in Elk Point last Tuesday.

The two were seeking assistance from the federal government in obtaining public access computers for one of their service points, and lobbying for expansion of the book shipping rate to include other library materials.

Industry Canada's CAP program has supplied computers for public use at all but

one of the 42 libraries under NLLS jurisdiction, the exception being the public library at the Namao Canadian Forces Base, Panciuk said. "I suspect military libraries are not included in the program, but this is not a military library, it is our service point and we can't get (a CAP computer) for it."

He explained that the program allows every public library to give free Internet access to patrons, via the public use computer. "It is the right of every Albertan to use libraries free of charge, including their CAP sites."

Both Panciuk and Sakaluk commented that over time, the funds available through that program are coming down, while at the

same time, the timelines for grant application are getting shorter, while the application process gets longer. "It took four applications to get \$1,400," Sakaluk commented.

The book rate is vital to NLLS operations, and is familiar territory to Storseth, who seconded the motion to approve the private member's bill supporting the proposed change.

"We want the rate to stay the same (for the materials now covered) but to include tapes and other items, such as microfiche, that are sent by mail between libraries," Panciuk said.

Many library organizations, including the Canadian Library Association, library

systems and individual libraries and library boards have sent the government petitions and letters asking for the same thing, Storseth said, "but we don't have a petition from Northern Lights."

Panciuk noted that the NLLS librarians' council would meet the next day, and he would bring the matter forward at that time.

The book rate expansion "is something Canada Post doesn't want," Storseth said, but agreed with its importance to libraries across the country.

The extensive Northern Lights headquarters renovation currently underway is going ahead without hoped-for federal funding.

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Bridge upgrade announced

ELK POINT: Albertans will benefit from joint federal and provincial funding for upgrades to North Saskatchewan River Bridge on Hwy 41, announced MP Brian Storseth and MLA Ray Danyluk. This project is just one example of the commitment of both governments to strengthening

the Alberta economy by creating jobs and investing in critical infrastructure.

The project will improve transportation efficiency and create local jobs, at a time when the need for economic stimulus is greatest.

The Government of Canada will invest up to \$1,983,000 in the project,

and the Province of Alberta will contribute the balance for a total joint contribution of \$3,966,000.

"I was happy to funding for the North Saskatchewan Bridge on Hwy 41," said Storseth. "I know how important infrastructure dollars are to our community and I will continue to work hard to find funding for these important projects."

"We're working together to support municipal infrastructure that will create jobs and help strengthen an improving economy," said Ray Danyluk, MLA for Lac La Biche-St. Paul and Minister of Infrastructure. "Our government is committed to building projects that will lay the foundation for future opportunities and boost Albertans' prosperity."

This is one of 235 projects across the province that will break ground quickly thanks to a federal investment of more than \$400 million. Together with provincial, municipal and other contributions, the total investment in local infrastructure improvements in Alberta is more than \$1 billion. The governments of Canada and Alberta have taken steps to get shovels in the ground and to flow money faster for targeted infrastructure projects in Alberta communities in the 2009 and 2010 construction seasons.

Assaults keep Elk Point RCMP busy

By Cst. John Spaans
Elk Point RCMP

On Feb. 11 at 2 a.m., Elk Point RCMP responded to an assault in Fishing Lake. Investigation found that a father and son engaged in a physical fight with the son injuring his father. The victim suffered a damaged nose and the suspect was taken into custody. The injury to the victim's nose is not serious, and the 23-year-old suspect has been charged criminally for his actions.

On Feb. 14, Elk Point RCMP responded to a complaint in Frog Lake of two brothers fighting. The two brothers had been out for the night at a Valentine's Day dance where they began to argue. Upon returning home, the argument escalated and blows were exchanged. Members attended the residence and split the two adult males. The two were separated for the night to prevent any further problems; Alcohol was a factor in this occurrence.

Break and enter assault
On Feb. 12 at 6 a.m., RCMP responded to an assault in Frog Lake. The victim had people at the res-

idence for a party during the night. When the party got out of hand, the victim kicked everyone out. A few hours later, the victim woke up to find two partygoers back in the house; they were promptly sent away and the victim went back to bed. Not long after going back to sleep, the victim woke with the two suspects choking and punching him. The suspects fled the scene prior to police arrival. The two suspects have been identified and applications have been made for arrest warrants. The victim did not suffer serious injuries.

Spousal assault
On Feb. 20 at 12:15 a.m., Elk Point RCMP received a call from a male who said that he was concerned that his wife had taken illegal drugs. When members attended the residence to speak, she disclosed that the male caller had assaulted her. The man was taken into custody and charged with spousal assault. The female victim was not injured and was not found to be under the influence.

Assault with golf club
At 10 a.m. on Feb. 21, Elk Point RCMP came

across a man walking in the middle of the road in Frog Lake. When members spoke with the male, he told them that he was leaving town because his girlfriend chased him out of the house with a golf club. The man was not injured and would not provide investigators with any further information. Investigation into this matter continues.

Pepper spray

At 6 a.m. on Feb. 23, Elk Point RCMP were dispatched to an assault with a weapon in Frog Lake. The male victim was awakened by someone knocking on his door. When he opened the door, a male wearing a mask was standing there and asked for help with a vehicle. Before the victim could respond, the man sprayed the victim in the face with bear spray. The victim was not seriously injured. People have identified a person of interest and investigation continues. Police encourage the public to be cautious when answering their doors during odd hours of the day. Should suspicious activity be noted at any time, call 911 or the local detachment.

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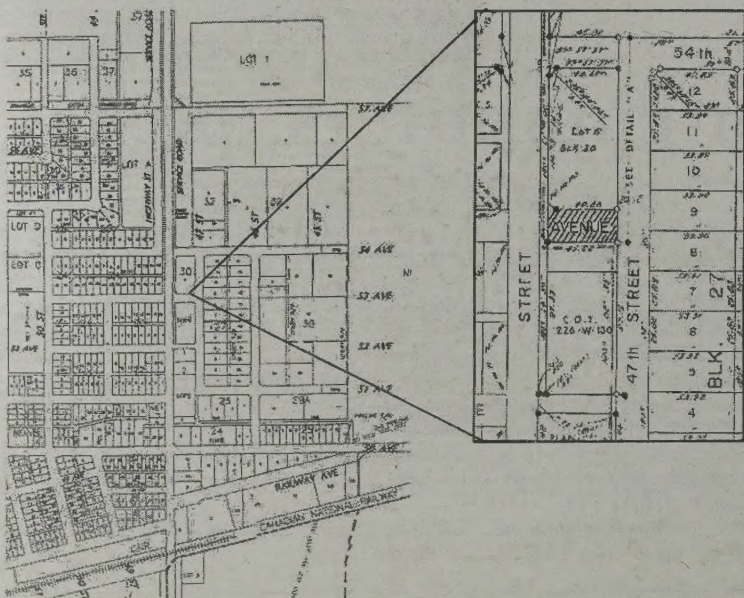
Town of Elk Point

Notice of Public Hearing

Bylaw No. 677/10

TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to the Municipal Government Act, R.S.A. 2000, as amended, the Council of the Town of Elk Point proposes to adopt Bylaw No. 677/10 for the Town to enact:

The road to be closed is all that portion of the avenue on Plan 802-2677 lying west of the southerly projection of the easternmost boundary of Lot 5, Block 30, Plan 802-2677.



A copy of the proposed bylaw may be reviewed and inspected by the public at the Town of Elk Point Office during the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

At 7:00 p.m. on March 08, 2010, the Council of the Town of Elk Point will cause a Public Hearing to be held in the Town Council Chambers at the Town of Elk Point Office, at which time objections or comments regarding the proposed bylaw may be given and received.

Myron Goyan, Manager
Town of Elk Point
Box 448, Elk Point, AB., T0A 1A0

Dated at Elk Point, AB., this 19th day of February 2010.

Town sweetens pot

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NLLS Conference

Council responded positively to an invitation from the Northern Lights Library System to become part of their 2010 conference in September, and will provide support in the form of door prizes.

Recycling

Goyan reported to council that he has met with the Cold Lake recycling group and will do some more research into their methods and potential cost of such a program.

One extension limit

Council agreed that purchasers of undeveloped lots from the town can apply for only one six month extension if they have not taken out a development permit by the date specified at the time of the purchase. If no development permit is in place and no

application has been made for an extension, the lots must be turned back over to the town, which would deduct an administration fee when the purchase price is refunded.

Former administrator

Council received a letter from Linda F. Rodger, one of three daughters of former Elk Point resident William Wolfe, an area homesteader who served the community in many capacities over the years, including, council was told, as the town's secretary-treasurer in 1942-43. Rodger and her sisters are coming to Elk Point in June and would like to plant a tree in memory of their father. Goyan was directed to reply that there are several appropriate locations for such a tree, and that council would like to meet the trio during their visit.



ALBERTA ELECTORAL BOUNDARIES COMMISSION 2009/2010
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YOUR VIEWS ARE IMPORTANT: HELP SHAPE ALBERTA'S ELECTORAL MAP

The Electoral Boundaries Commission released its interim report, outlining recommendations to the Legislative Assembly on the areas, boundaries and names for 87 electoral divisions. The commission is now accepting written submissions on the report. Public hearings will be held during the period of April 12 to 30, 2010. Specific details on locations will follow once finalized.

Submissions and authors will be made public.

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Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission

Chair: Honourable Judge Ernest J.M. Walter

Members: Keith Archer, Peter Dobbie, Brian Evans, Allyson Jeffs



Vintage sleds hit the trail toward Kehewin Lake for a scenic run after the show.

TrailRiders show and shine

By Vicki Brooker
Review Staff

More than 40 vintage snowmobiles, produced between 1966 and 1985 and brought from as far away as Red Deer and St. Walburg, lined Elk Point's Iron Horse Trail staging area on Saturday for the Elk Point Trail Riders' annual show, shine and trail ride. A good crowd of visitors were on hand to admire the classics, vote for their favourites and swap stories of rides long past over a bowl of chili or a cup of hot chocolate.

Once all the votes were cast, helmets went on, pull starts were cranked over and owners climbed aboard for a trip up the club's trail toward Kehewin Lake while the votes were tallied up and the winners determined.

Jerry Kaluk of Tofield picked up three awards, his 1966 Polaris Mustang, winning

first place overall and the prize for the oldest sled, while his 1970 SkiDoo TNT was second in the People's Choice competition. Second place overall went to Duane Worobec of Vegreville with a 1973 MotoSki E400 and third to Gary Nettleton of Edmonton with a 1973 SkiDoo Elan. Nettleton also won the Hard Luck award.

The Red Green award went to Darlene Michaud of St. Paul, while Norm Flege of Red Deer brought along his 1972 Arctic Cat Panther to win the farthest away award.

The youngest rider award went to 10-year-old Stuart Kotowich of St. Paul, riding his 1975 SkiDoo Elan, while oldest rider, by a mere few months, was Lawrence Omelian, 68, of Fort Saskatchewan on a 1971 Arctic Cat Puma. A youngest participant award went to Hannah Saruk, age four, of Myrmam, who showed her 1978 Kitty Cat.

4-H Report

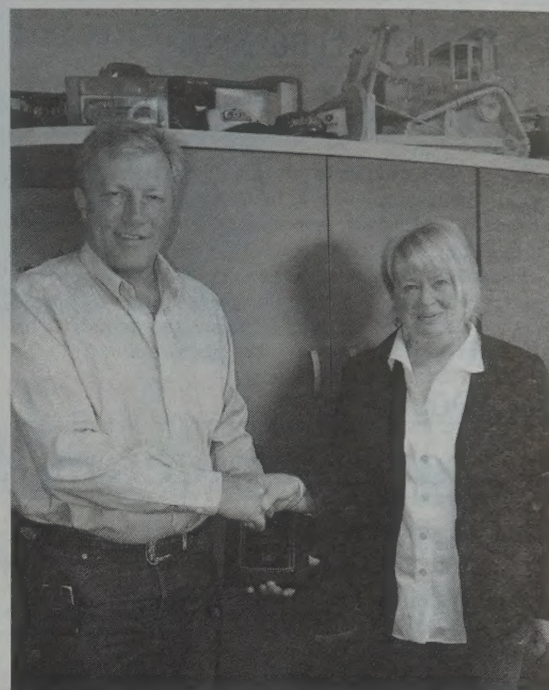
By ALEXIS BRISTOW
Club reporter

Elk Point 4-H has been busy since my last report. We had our public speaking on Feb. 7 and everyone did a great job. We wish our club winners, Darren Tymofichuk, Bailey Oster, Dana Gibson, Madison Mac Donald and Ashley Bristow the best of luck at the district public speaking on March 7 at the St. Paul Regional High School. We know they will do awesome. Our public speaking committee did a great job in organization the event.

We had our general meeting on Feb. 17 at the F. G. Miller school library. We are planning another Quad Safety Course in late March or early April. Keep an eye out for poster.

Ashley Bristow attended the "You Be the Judge" session in Vermilion. We are now sending a team of judges to the Western Canadian Judging Competition on March 19 at the Lakeland College in Vermilion. During this competition, the team will judge beef, dairy, sheep, seed, horses, swine, crop and a mystery class.

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Vicki Brooker photo

EcoCentre supporter

Elk Point Chamber of Commerce president Sandy Smith presented Murry Nielsen of Shamrock Valley Enterprises with a plaque last week, recognizing Shamrock's work toward the Visitor Information EcoCentre, as that major project nears completion.

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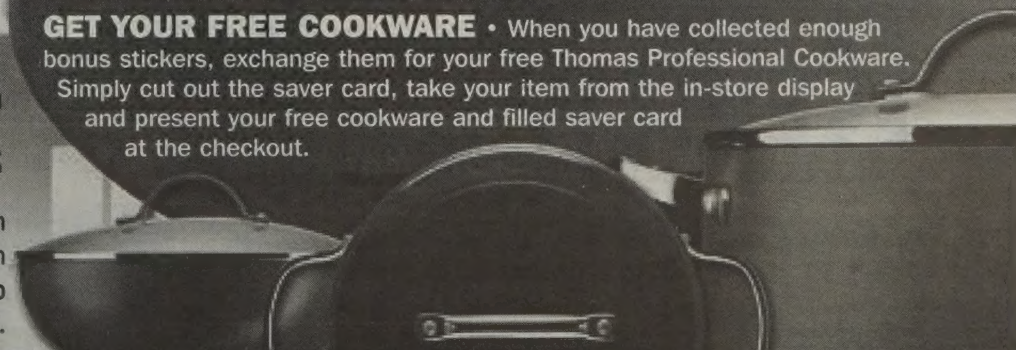
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EDITORIAL

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Canada not only won the most gold medals ever won in a single Olympics, but the most won by a host country.

Are we surprised? No. Jubilant, and proud to be Canadians, yes. Canada - country of champions!

WAY BACK WHEN...

Marathon meeting, songs, speeches

HERE'S THE NEWS THAT MADE THE HEADLINES OF THE LAKELAND REVIEW AND ELK POINT REVIEW FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 2 IN...

1985

Amoco Canada received approval from the Energy Resources Conservation Board on their application involving 13 thermal recovery wells, a cleaning plant for recovered oil, drilling 160 new wells and carbon dioxide stimulation of 20 wells, following three weeks of hearings in January. Town council's Monday meeting lasted until after midnight and reconvened Tuesday for another five-hour marathon as they discussed the alternatives for widening Highway 41 through town.

1990

Mayor Bruce Kleeberger welcomed new councillors Charlie Mahon and Louis Verhagen, who filled seats resulting from the resignation of Alvina Schuhmacher and a withdrawal immediately after the previous October's general election. Canada Day chairman Lawrence Pidluzny and his committee met for the second time, and planned ways to incorporate the United Nations International Year of Literacy into the event.

1995

Local singer and songwriter Travis Pankiw and Dewberry vocalist Nathan Brown showed Youth Talent Quest judges what their communities already knew: that they were rising stars in the entertainment field, earning them first and second prizes in the competition. David Naber and Peter Danyluk won top honours in 4-H public speaking at club level, with Kyle Bintz and Janelle Ryks as runners-up.

2000

Elk Point chamber of commerce had great response to their plans for a Service Best seminar, with 34 participants signed up for the one-day workshop. Michelle Leckie and John Sparks placed first and Mark and Colin Ference second in the annual 4-H public speaking competition, where members Colin Ference, Danielle Wruth, Nichole Havener, Michelle Zapesocki, Marci Bintz, Peter Danyluk, Michelle Leckie, Erin Bintz, Shauna Wruth and Taralee Babenek received 4-H awards of excellence from Alberta Treasury Branch representative Gary Kulak.

2005

Representatives of groups wishing to share in the development of Elk Point's Iron Horse Trail staging area brought their wish lists to a meeting where they worked together to develop a joint vision for the site. Chelsea Schnurer, Robyn Ockerman and Kayla Gibson took home the first place trophies and Amanda Zapesocki, Janice Tymofichuk and Britney Heathcote placed second at the Elk Point 4-H Multi Club speak-off.

The Elk Point Review publishes a variety of opinions as a contribution to debate on matters of public concern. Unsigned editorials express the view of this newspaper's editorial board which includes the Publisher and the Editor. Signed pieces express the view of the individual writer.



GUEST COLUMN

March detachment

Now that March has arrived, we are hoping that winter is thinking of detaching itself from our days. Yes, the hope of spring is in the air. But there is a reality. Spring is not quite here, nor will it be for a good month or so. Therefore, our thoughts are with the month of March.

March is the third month of the modern western year, having 31 days. The name comes from the Roman god of war, Mars. March was the first month of the year in the Roman 10-month calendar. March 25 was the first day of the legal year in England until 1752. It was known as the stormy month by the Anglo-Saxons. March 21 marks the beginning of spring.

Mars, in Roman religion, god of war, identified with the Greek Ares. Originally, Mars was an agricultural god; his martial role arose from his role as the protector of fields from blights, pests and human destroyers. He was as important as Jupiter in the earliest Roman religion. His priests, the Salii, danced in full armor on the Campus Martius. He was father of the city of Rome's legendary founders, Romulus and Remus, and gave his name to the month of March.

From the above research, one more question needs to be asked. With the month of March receiving its name from the Roman god of war, Mars, are we as a people at war with something? One possible answer could be that we are at war with our modern technological advances. Yes, we could be. We carry wireless telephones that can store hundreds of numbers, are able to take both moving and still pictures, and can access never-ending streams of information from an unseen source. We can play thousands of songs from a device no larger than a credit card. We can surf the Internet at any time of the day or night and quickly move across the intellectual and physical globe in images and information. Yes, this is all good. But an over-reliance on technology can also create boredom with lower-tech activities, an attitude

that can extend to how we build relationships with people or just basically, leave our "technical stuff" and just get outside and enjoy the great outdoors. We need a digital detachment. Now, that means we will have to apply courage, desire, patience, curiosity and communication with ourselves to make this happen. Maybe this means we will have to be at war with ourselves to make this happen. Yes, March can be the month of war.

Speaking of war with ourselves, the government is telling us our country is showing signs that we are coming out of the recession. The bottom line is that we are living through times when we have been at war with our finances. This war resulted in trying to find ways to reduce our debts and not go further into debt. It has been a challenge and a disaster for some. But now that March is here, let's look at what our generation has learned. If we remember our grandparents who came out of the great recession in the 1930s, their attitude was one of mistrust, until proven. In other words, after learning what they had just come through, they didn't buy "stuff" until they had saved the money to do so.

When you look at the lessons we have learned from the recession, they can be the following:

(1) There is no such thing as a risk-free investment, and we should be skeptical of anyone who tells us otherwise.
(2) There is safety in saving. American addiction to debt has led to homes mortgaged to the hilt, credit cards with an average balance of \$8,000, and an aggregate savings rate that has dropped from zero into negative territory.

We've been told from our grandparents that we should save for a rainy day and have a little extra for unexpected things. This is probably a strong lesson we have learned today after going through our current recession. I would like to add another something we may have learned.

(3) Be careful of all the technological advances. Are we too involved? Detachment may be the key.

Speaking of March, detachment and March being a war month, there is an Irish Blessing that states, "May the dust of your carriage wheels blind the eyes of your foes." Go for it and make changes!



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from the FCSS desk

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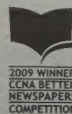
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World Day of Prayer Friday

Elk Point United Church, in conjunction with other local congregations, will host the annual ecumenical service marking the World Day of Prayer this Friday starting at 7 p.m.

This year's service was compiled by the women of the Republic of Cameroon, Africa and will give insight into life in that country.

IN MEMORIAM

RADIES, Betty

Sept. 24, 1926-March 2, 2009



Daycare visits post office

Youngsters from Elk Point's Play 2 Learn Day Care took a field trip to the downtown area on Friday, and learned what's on the other side of those silver boxes where their parents pick up their mail. Post office staffer Donna Yaremkevich pointed out each family's mail box from the sorting side, and later read them a story about the journey a letter takes from the time it's posted until it ends up in the recipient's mailbox.

What a web!

Last Wednesday, Elk Point Elementary School hosted Centre Stage from Calgary and their performance of "Charlotte's Web". Here, Charlotte the literate spider adds a new word to her web. To earn the visit, the students had to earn 3000 points by reading Accelerated Reader books and getting 80 to 100 per cent on their AR quizzes. As of 1:45 p.m. Wednesday, students had a grand total of 4371 points! They had reached their goal of 3000 points about three weeks ago.

Diane Dewan photo

Coming in next week 's issue:
Elk Point Municipal Library Annual Meeting coverage

IN MEMORIAM

LUKENCHUK, William

July 1909 - March 2, 2009

Gone, dear father; gone one year,

How we miss your smiling face. But you left us to remember None on earth can take your place.

A bappy home we once enjoyed - How sweet the memory still - But death has left a loneliness The world can never fill. But you are now reunited with Mom.

Always loved & remembered by Leonard, Doris & Family.

A wonderful mother laid to rest, For each of us, she did her best! Your place on earth, no one can fill, We miss you Mom, and always will.

You gave us love in the fullest measure, Care, devotion and memories to treasure.

You shared our hopes, joys and tears, God Bless you Mom, for all those years.

In our hearts you will always stay, Loved, remembered each and every day.

No words, no flowers, no tears can say, How much we miss you every day.

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4-H Multi Club keeps busy

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Good luck to our team members Madison Mac Donald, Ashley Bristow, Alexis Bristow, and Brianna White and to their coaches Janice and Shelly Tymofichuk. Judging is a big part of 4-H and a great skill to have.

We are planning to attend the District ski trip to Kinosoo Ski resort in Cold Lake on March 17. This is when we spend time with other 4-H clubs from the area. It will be fun.

During our general meeting, each project gives us small reports as to what they have been doing. The beef projects had Ron Wirsta in to do a presentation on feed and how to feed your steer, heifer or cow/calf pair projects. The horse projects have been busy riding in the arena and plan on working with cattle at their

next ride. The crafts project spent time sewing rag quilt bags along with baking at their last meeting. The photography project learned how to take continuous lens pictures at their last meeting and spent time taking pictures. The small engines club finished putting back an engine and had it running with some minor bugs. All projects are busy.

Don't forget, our Club Achievement Day is around the corner so mark down June 4 at 4 p.m. as the day you plan on coming out to watch what we do in our club.

4-H Trivia: The answer to my last question "Who is the oldest living 4-H member from the Elk Point club?" The answer is Ray Hellquist.

This weeks question is "What was the first project in the Elk Point 4-H Multi Club?"

NLLS lobbies MP Storseth

(Cont. from Front Page)

"We'll be short about \$600,000," Sakaluk told the MP. "We started with the Build Canada Fund and then went to Western Economic Development," to no avail.

"We know there may be other projects that are more pressing,"

Panciuk acknowledged.

Storseth said he had contacted the appropriate minister regarding the applications and was told it "didn't fit the criteria they were looking for." The best way to get federal funding for a project is to "partner with municipalities. It has to be their priority for infrastructure."

Federal funding could be even more difficult to obtain, under the new budget slated for March 4, Storseth predicts.

"We can eliminate our deficit. The Prime Minister has been very clear that we can shut the taps off and say no." The \$3 billion Home Renovation Tax Credit program "will be one of the first to go."

"A lot of productivity... and holding the line on taxes" are other facets Storseth expects to see in the 2010 budget, and he hopes to see a national security regulator to keep foreign investors on board.

"It's going to be interesting. How we go forward over the next couple of years is as important as how we did in the last couple."

Storseth says Harper's vision is to reduce taxes for middle-income families. However, "to reduce taxes is to reduce revenue. We have to decrease spending. Most of our deficit is stimulus spending. If we can hold the line on that, we should be OK."

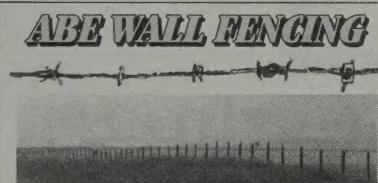
The federal Tough on Crime agenda is "another focal point." It includes respecting the rights of victims for the first time, and other changes are "fairly significant," including the establishment of a new public safety minister, Storseth says.

"It will be aggressive. We have 15 pieces of legislation, and we're putting them in one at a time. These are commonsense amendments to the criminal code." The feds are "putting significant dollars into crime prevention, education and more RCMP."

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Heritage Lodge Olympians sweep gold, silver, bronze

By VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

More than two days before the Canadian men's hockey team accepted the elusive gold medals, athletes from Elk Point's Heritage Lodge were already basking in the Olympic limelight, winning up to four medals apiece after two weeks filled with spirited competition.

"It isn't every month we celebrate Canada," said activity coordinator Heather Paquette, "but every minute of every day, we're happy we live in Canada." She noted that at Heritage Lodge, Canadians "won the gold, the silver and the bronze in every event."

Medals donated by Elk Point Co-op, B & R Eckels, SR Rentals and Elk Point Insurance and prizes contributed by ATB Financial, Servus Credit Union, TD Canada Trust and lodge manager Loris Kozina were

handed out Friday morning to 16 lodge residents and eight staff members as the first-ever Heritage Lodge Winter Olympics came to a glorious end.

The most medals went to Lenore Bjornstad, with golds in table curling, balloon volleyball and bean bag toss and a silver in rug dice, and Mildred Boyko, with gold in rug dice and silvers in table curling and balloon volleyball and a bronze in bean bag toss.

Medal winners were:

Table Curling: gold – Hazel Hannah, Roger Theroux, Lenore Bjornstad, Cecile Sadowinski; silver – Mildred Boyko, Norma Berg, Stefka Trefanenko, George Duncan; bronze – Gil Classen, Helga Vaughan, June Rainboth. Honourable mention – Aslak Glambeck, Kathleen Coulter, Ellen Ireland.

Balloon Volleyball: gold –

Bjornstad, Theroux, Hannah, Glambeck; silver – Boyko, Vaughan, Rainboth, Vi Miller.

Rug Dice: gold – Boyko, Vaughan; silver – Bjornstad, Theroux.

Bean Bag Toss: gold – Bjornstad, Winnie Shepherd; silver – Elsie Roy, Loris Kozina; bronze Boyko, Classen. Honourable mention – Irene Quinney.

Resident Wheelchair Race: gold – Rainboth; silver – Coulter.

Staff Wheelchair Race: gold – Crystal Kennedy; silver – Sue Bugej, bronze – tie between Loris Kozina and Barry Yurkowski.

Chicken in a Pot Race: gold – Kennedy, Airyn Guerson, Sandra Cameron; bronze – Kozina, Sherry Wandler, Lilian McLaughlin.

"Some of these events many not have been played anywhere else, so we have the world champions," Paquette said.

Paquette hinted that summer Olympics for the lodge may also be on the horizon, "but I don't have a clue what we'll be doing yet."



Medals all around!

Among those accepting medals from Mark Gormley of Elk Point Co-op were, above, left to right, Hazel Hannah, Lenore Bjornstad, Roger Theroux, Aslak Glambeck; left - Mildred Boyko and Helga Vaughan; below, Kathleen Coulter.

Vicki Brooker photos



The sparkling torch used to officially open the games made another round of the athletes as the Heritage Lodge Olympics came to a triumphant end.



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**Linda Meger
Taxation and Assessment Technician
County of St. Paul No. 19
5015 - 49 Avenue
St. Paul, Alberta T0A 3A4**

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Further information is available by contacting Linda Meger at (780) 645-3301 extension (212) or fax request to (780) 645-3104.

Great country, great athletes



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Review Sports

O Canada! Do you have any idea what a great country we live in? Vancouver was absolutely perfect, even in the pouring rain. Got soaked a few times walking around downtown.

It's hard to put into words the thrill of seeing your home country do so well, everyone there was so proud of their country and so much into the Canada thing, red and white shirts, hats, faces, and flags everywhere.

At the women's gold medal hockey game, we lost our

voices, we were screaming so loud and our hands actually hurt from clapping, watching the medal presentation brought tears to your eyes. Then being there and seeing Canada's speed skaters win a gold two days later, and the gold medal presentation for them. Awesome. Going down to the waterfront and looking at the torch and then watching the rings turning gold after Kevin Martin won the gold, too much for words. And then finally, the men hockey team winning in overtime on Sunday to top it all off. Priceless.

We watched the game on the plane on the way home, because we had to work on Monday. Should have been declared a national holiday, don't you think? Oh yeah, we already have a Canada Day, July 1st. OK then, get out there and be proud of who you are. The best damn country in the world!

While we were gone the Bantam Avalanche played a couple of games and did quite well, I might add, winning one over Cold Lake 8 to 2 on Friday night. "Dayton 500" Mercredi with a hat trick, Michael "Bulldozer" Abraham with two, Davis Desjarlais, Jarred "Snipes" McGilvery and Brett "the Moose" Ockerman with singles.

On Sunday the boys lost a close one to St. Paul, "the Moose" was loose scoring two, "Snipes", "Dayton 500" and "Dan the Man" Garrett all scoring in this one, Brandon Bourne between the pipes in both matches.

And now for the K.A. Campbell quote of the week. "Never before in the history the game was such a crowd present or such enthusiasm evident. Tin horns, strong lungs and a general rabble predominated." Last week's answer to "For the development of hockey, I think the best players in the world should be here. Most of the top players in the NHL, that's the way I hope it will be in the future. Real hockey people want to see the best." Carl Lindstrom, Finland hockey coach.



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